

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) Oil and vacuum pumps group for a ~~motor vehicle~~ ~~an~~ engine, comprising:
  - at least one motion transmission shaft (30) extending along a main axis X-X;
  - at least one oil pump (10) fitted mounted on said at least one motion transmission shaft (30) coaxially to said main axis X-X;
  - at least one vacuum pump (20) fitted mounted on said at least one motion transmission shaft (30) coaxially to said main axis X-X;
  - a gear (40) fitted mounted on said at least one motion transmission shaft (30) coaxially to said main axis X-X and adapted to derive a rotary motion from a driving gear (41) of a ~~motor vehicle~~ ~~an~~ engine and to transfer said rotary motion to said at least one motion transmission shaft (30) to drive said at least one oil pump (10) and said at least one vacuum pump (20);  
characterized in that wherein the group is structurally independent from and adapted to be associated with said ~~motor vehicle~~ engine;  
wherein said gear is operatively placed between said at least one oil pump (10) and said at least one vacuum pump.

2. (Currently Amended) Oil and vacuum pumps group according to claim 1, wherein said at least one oil pump (10) and said at least one vacuum pump (20) are units which are structurally independent from each other.

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended) Oil and vacuum pumps group according to claim 1, wherein said at least one oil pump (10) is a single-stage or two-stage pump.

5. (currently amended) Oil and vacuum pumps group according to claim 1, comprising means (50) for the attachment to an engine block.

6. (currently amended) Oil and vacuum pumps group according to claim 5, wherein said means (50) for the attachment to an engine block comprises a plurality of brackets intended to cooperate with respective brackets formed on said engine block.

7. (currently amended) Oil and vacuum pumps group according to claim 1, wherein said at least one oil pump (10) and said at least one vacuum pump (20) are fitted mounted on a single motion transmission shaft (30) coaxially to said main axis X-X.

8. (currently amended) Method for assembling an oil and vacuum pumps group for a ~~motor vehicle~~ an engine, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

- a) providing at least one motion transmission shaft (30) extending along a main axis X-X;
- b) providing at least one oil pump (10);
- c) providing at least one vacuum pump (20);
- d) providing a gear (40);
- e) fitting mounting said gear (40), said at least one oil pump (10) and said at least one vacuum pump (20) on said at least one motion transmission shaft (30) coaxially to said main axis X-X;

characterized wherein in that the step e) of fitting mounting said gear, said at least one oil pump and said at least one vacuum pump on said at least one motion transmission shaft comprises ~~the step of~~ positioning said gear (40) between said at least one oil pump (10) and said at least one vacuum pump (20).

9. (previously amended) ~~Motor vehicle~~ An engine, comprising an oil and vacuum pumps group according to claim 1.